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AAA Unit in Herczegszanto.

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1. [redacted] The unit was equipped with three 37-mm AA guns and an undetermined number of AA guns of about 76 mm. The guns were in firing position at all times, since border incidents occurred very frequently.

Artillery Unit in Kiskoroos.

2. In late March, a Hungarian artillery unit [redacted] was billeted in the new barracks installation in Kiskoroos (Y 6/N 52), on the west side of the road to Soltvadkert (Y 6/N 62), southeast of the railroad line to Kalocsa (Y 6/N 31). Sentries standing guard in front of the installation wore red service color. The installation included four large barracks buildings, about 100x20 meters; kitchen and mess buildings; a garage, about 120x15 meters, housing about 30 trucks, including 3-ton Fords and diesel vehicles; a gun storehouse, about 120x15 meters, housing about 40 guns with muzzle brakes; six to eight buildings, 8 meters square, filled with boxes; and a storehouse about 80x10 meters.

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Soviet troops in the Bugac Area.

3. [redacted] Soviet troops were stationed in or around Bugac, 31 railroad km south-southwest of Kecskemet (Y 6/N 95). (1)

Armored Infantry Unit in Kalocsa.

4. In March, a Hungarian unit [redacted] was stationed in Kalocsa (Y 6/N 31). [redacted] The troops of the unit were referred to as armored infantrymen, a term which is generally unusual in Hungary.

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Troops in Keszthely.

5. A Hungarian sentry wearing green service color and carrying a submachine gun was observed standing guard at the main entrance to the Festetics Castle in Keszthely (U 4/V 40) on 21 March. The drivers of six small trucks entering the castle wore red service color. (2) Four drunken young men, traveling from Tapolca (Y 4/D 35) to Keszthely by train on 29 March, said that they came from the Bihar Comitate in East Hungary, belonged to the 1931 class, and were going to Keszthely to be inducted into a unit there. They said that numerous draftees up to the 1916 class were called up for active service. (3)

Explosion in Szekesfehervar.

6. A heavy explosion occurred in an ammunition plant in the Szekesfehervar (Q 48/Z 00) area. Local residents attributed the explosion to sabotage.

Induction of Residents of Koermend.

7. Members of various classes, including the 1916, 1922, 1926, 1927, and 1929 classes of Koermend (P 48/C 76), were inducted on 29 March 1951. (4)

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Comments.

- (1) The information confirms Soviet troops in the Kecskemet area.
- (2) Green service color indicates infantry, and red service color artillery. An artillery unit was located in Keszthely in September 1951. [redacted] An unsubstantiated report in the fall of 1949 stated that a tank officer candidate school would be established in the Keszthely Castle.
- (3) It is fairly definitely believed that the young men were only volunteers since the 1931 class is not yet due for induction.
- (4) The inductees were probably reservists or untrained personnel.

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